

# Notes From Beenham Parish Council meeting -Monday 4th August

## Public Forum

-Progress on proposed 20 mph speed limit adjacent to the school? WBC have notified us that they are studying the impact of the Theale 20 mph scheme and hope to form a policy after the study

-Eastbound Slip road junction of Bath Road and Beenham. After receiving a letter from a parishioner about the safety of this junction, WBC have advised that they consider that the Eastbound slip road scheme “to be the most suitable arrangement given the existing highway conditions. For the purposes of clarity, southbound road users travelling from Beenham Hill and wishing to join the A4 Bath Road heading eastwards are required to give way to eastbound road users already on the A4 Bath Road, as indicated by the existing road markings and traffic signs at this location.”



## Councillor Responsibilities

-In addition to current responsibilities the following were added after D Hinkes move away.

- Police Liaison...Alex Cother
- PC representative on Victory Hall Committee...Peter Hamblin
- Roads and Footpaths...a parishioner volunteered to take on this role on behalf of and reporting to the PC.

## Internal Auditor Report

-It was agreed to put more focus into the 4 areas which the report recommended.

## Councillors

- School bus drop off point in Stoneyfield. It was reported that the drop off point has reverted back to its original location.
- Aldermaston Wharf parking. It was explained that WBC is putting together a Parking Planning scheme, which will include Mallard Way.

## Planning Matters

- 25/01497/HOUSE: 5 Back Lane, Beenham. Single storey/side and rear extensions. No objection.

-24/02808/FULMAJ. Grundon. Application has been Granted. Grundon have asked the Parish Council why they asked to see a master plan for the development of this site. It was reported in May that as there have been several separate applications for small developments this site, the PC wanted to see a master plan in the context of 'creeping development' on a site that encroaches upon the AONB.

### Councillor reports

- It was agreed to discuss a Climate Action Plan at the next meeting

-Parking on pavements/footpaths adjacent to the school/Picklepythe Lane. This matter has been raised by the BVH Committee as being dangerous for the disabled, motability scooter users, parents with child buggies etc as access is being blocked. The PC has previously asked parishioners to not park on pavements in Back Lane for the same reasons and extend this to include the same near the school in the interests of safety for the wider Beenham Community.

-Repairs/Maintenance of playground and equipment. The quote from AES to repair and service equipment in line with the recent Rospa report was accepted.

The next meeting will be held in the Community Room on Monday September 1st at 7.00pm.

Full details of the Councillors (including email addresses) are on the website at [beenham-pc.gov.uk/councillors/](http://beenham-pc.gov.uk/councillors/).

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